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Steve's Sound-Off

April 2016

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

This spring has been a time of new beginnings for us from our new website design to the grand opening of Vega Schools. What initiatives have you undertaken this spring? We'd love to hear about them!

~Steve

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Success Story of the Month

EES has been working with the 9th Grade Academy at Capital High School in Kanawha County, WV for the past three school years to increase student achievement and have a positive impact on the dropout rate at Capital High School. Two-year longitudinal data show a steady, progressive move forward in terms of grades and failure rates:

Failure rates in English 2014: 43 students

Failure rates in English 2016: 22

Failure rates in Science 2014: 46 students

Failure rates in Science 2016: 17

Failure rates in Algebra I (no support) 2014: 61 students

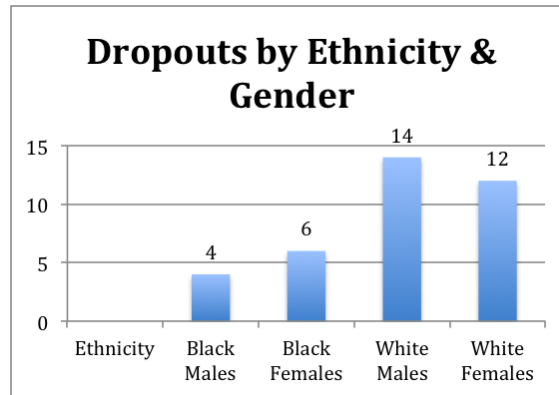
Failure rates in Algebra I: 41 students

The 9th Grade Academy is clearly using data to drive decisions regarding interventions that has been a major thrust of the EES initiative.

Another positive impact of the EES work at Capital High has been the dramatic decrease in the dropout rate among African American males. Three years ago CHS was designated a "Focus School" because of the high dropout rate for AA Males. The following chart indicates that the lowest demographic for dropout at CHS this year is among AA Males.

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New EES Website

Welcome to the *new* EES! We've spent months updating our website to make it more user-friendly and it's finally ready to make its debut.

Click [here](#) to check it out!



Conduct an Educational Garage Sale

The countdown to the end of the school year has begun! This is the time when things are incredibly hectic for all school administrators who are faced with balancing everyday responsibilities with added tasks such as local and state testing, finalizing next year's schedules, coordinating meetings with parents, staff, and central office, addressing budgetary needs and promotion ceremonies, to name a few. During this time, it is recommended that you effectively plan ahead to avoid chaos and burn-out. Remember to focus on your end-of-the school year checklists, as it will help with staying organized and will keep you from getting side-tracked.

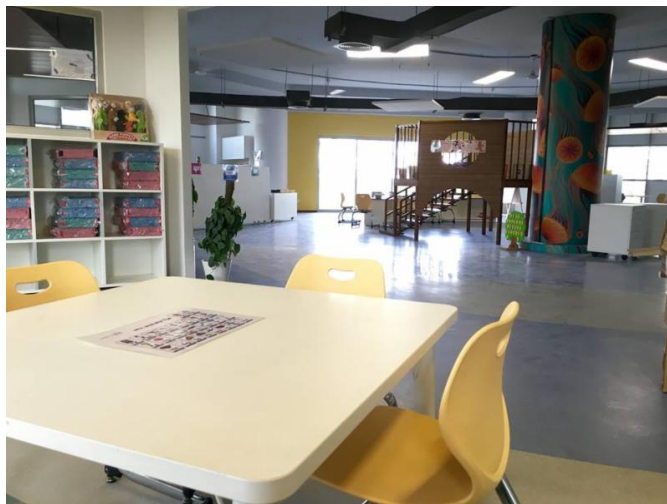
As you are creating your checklists, consider taking a few minutes to conduct an "Educational Garage Sale" (from *Shaping Positive School Cultures for the 21st Century* (2008) by Dr. Kent D. Peterson of the University of Wisconsin-Madison). You do not necessarily have to complete this activity alone; you may want to complete it with your leadership team during one of your upcoming meetings since your team and you share the leadership, coaching and managerial responsibilities at your school. Grab some sticky notes and begin to write down things that you believe should be placed in each station. (Remember to use one sticky note per item). Once your sticky notes are completed, place them under the five categories (listed below). Next, conduct an informal "Gallery Walk" and then share your reasons regarding your sticky placements with your team. The sharing may lead to thoughtful

discussions and considerations of much-needed changes. This simple activity may possibly result in a "decluttered" focus plan to start the school year in the fall.

Continue reading [here](#)

Vega Schools Grand Opening

Congrats to the hardworking staff and student stars at [Vega Schools](#), which opened this April in Gurgaon, India! Below are a few pictures of this innovative learning environment.





Upcoming Events

Share Fair Nation DC

Share Fair Nation provides PreK-12 educators the opportunity to join the conversation around inspired teaching and learning, to collaborate and share best practices, to discover emergent strategies and technologies, and to see firsthand valuable and innovative approaches to delivering 21st Century learning.

Register [here](#)



International Opportunities

- Calling all certified teachers! We are looking for certified teachers to teach kindergarten in Dailian, China starting Fall 2016, as well as a variety of subjects such as Economics, Biology, PE, and Drama in private schools in Beijing. Interested persons please send a resume and any questions about these exciting opportunities to teachers@usa-education-asia.com!
- Looking for an unforgettable summer experience for your child? Consider the Indian Heritage Camp through [The Sagar School](#). You child, ages 9-15, will experience and learn about India's rich heritage and culture through a well balanced schedule of activities including, crafts, cooking, sports and excursions. Please contact prexecutive@thesagarschool.org for more info!
- WANTED: A qualified educator to serve as principal of [The Sagar School](#) for a 2-3 year contract. The successful candidate will be

distinguished by his/her integrity, personal vision, moral standards, dignity, patience, energy, and flexibility of approach.

For more information about these opportunities, please contact Michelle at michelle@edwardsedservices.com.

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